

East Anglian Card Collectors Club

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Well that's another month gone in lockdown, will we ever be able to open again, I know a lot of members who have severe withdrawal symptoms and long to get back to Roydon. To me it looks like April is our best bet, that's if we can all be vaccinated before then. I know a couple of members who have received their first jab, let's hope we can all follow soon. So February will be a postal auction again.

This month's auction has been well supported with a good number of members bidding. A few very silly bids have been rejected this month as being too far below catalogue price to be acceptable. We have to do the best we can for our vendors. To give you a guide line – the minimum bid we will take on any lot catalogued over £100 will be 10%. The minimum bid on any common cards (i.e. some Players, some Wills, most trade and Gallaher '48s') will be club minimum £2.00.

We have a new member this month Brian Giles from South Benfleet Essex has joined us. In view of the Covid we have not taken members off who have not paid their subscription, that will be rectified now and this will be their last newsletter. If this applies to you there will be a blue sticker on the front of your envelope. A new membership list will be prepared for March.

We have tried very hard to put right the gremlins to our website but have failed to solve the issue, it looks like we may have to start from scratch again. You can still access it but we can't update it still. The auction lists on the site only go as far as January, we will have to hard copy to members until it is sorted.

We still have lots of cards to sort out for future auctions, both Alan and my garages are stacked high so we can keep busy. We have all of Ted Wareham's cards now and as most of you know Ted was a dealer in days past so we have many bulk lots to sell. For example, a box file full of the same sets, probably 50 or 60 boxes and 100's of sets. So there will be a bulk auction in June or July just to share them with members. Real bargains to be had.

I have heard that the Cartophilic Society Annual Convention due in April has been moved back to October 2021, quite rightly so in my opinion, let's hope it will still be able to go ahead. It will be in Southport – I don't have the actual dates as yet.

In this month's auction there were 24 successful bidders who spent a total of £3493. Only 88 were unsold. Top spot went west with a lovely set of BAT Indian Chiefs selling for a magnificent £320. For your information some of the more expensive unsold will be relisted later in the year, the rest are bound for Ebay eventually.

That's all the news this month, next auction is on Saturday 20th February, in the mean time stay safe, keep well and carry on collecting.

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